

## The Community Council for the Royal Burgh of Forres

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 7.00 pm via MS Teams

Secretary: Community Councillor Jo Lenihan | Email: info@forrescc.co.uk

Attende	es	Apologies
CC Fiona Graham	Chair	CC Kenny Shand (KS)
CC Graham Murdoch (GM)	Treasurer	CC Michael Walker (MW
CC Frank Byrne		CC Alan Tissiman (AT)
CC Lesley Edwards (LE)		
CC Steve Ferris (SF)		MC Cllr Claire Feaver
CC John Innes (JI)		MC Cllr Aaron Mclean
CC David Parker (DP)	Vice Chair	
CC Jo Lenihan (JL)	Secretary	Members of the Public in attendance
MC Cllr George Alexander		
MC Cllr Lorna Creswell		
Insp Tony McCullie	Police Scotland	
Garry McCartney	Forres Gazette	
Fiona Herd	Moray Council	

Item	Discussion	Action
1.	Welcome and apologies:	
2.	Community Safety Report: Insp Mccullie outlined incidents from CSP Report No 51. Report of a child knocked down at Kinloss. Driver traced and charged. Police are working with MC to look at potential solutions. A security event was held in Forres (appointment only) which was fully subscribed. Hope to hold similar events in the future. Maintaining a visible presence where youths congregate and will be stepping up patrols in school holidays to engage with youths. Covid easing – working with licenced premises which has been well received and most premises are being well run.	
	Questions/comments: GM – work with youths and ASB seems to be paying off. Michelle (Police Scot) and Sylvia Jamieson (MC) working together on this. FB – lot of reports of inquisitive individuals asking about certain types of vehicles in town on Facebook – are Police aware? Insp McCullie confirmed they were aware of individuals asking about caravans and motorhomes. Any suspicious activity should be reported to police on 101 and they will attend as soon as feasible.	

## Youth Provision in Forres - Presentation by Fiona Herd, Children, Young People and 3. Families Manager, Moray Council Fiona has joined the new communities' team and is now able to focus on youth work again. Over covid it has become apparent how much young people wanted to come together and the team have been speaking with them and getting views. Also reconnecting with partners such as police and speaking with young people to find out what they want and to help them develop ideas. Fiona outlined that the youth club was closed and there is some difficulty in getting started again but young people may not want same model now. Working with a Friday night squad targeting areas where known problems exist with youngsters. Doing pop events to gather views and ideas for activities. There is a comprehensive summer programme for outdoor activities for youngsters to sign up to. Aim to reconnect with each other and their communities to develop things with their help within the community. Re:connect on MC website, fb, twitter and Instagram has details of what's on in the community. Information going out to all schools. Most of activities don't require prebooking. Questions JL – asked about funding of space in Community Centre where the youth club was held. Fiona confirmed that resources from YC have been put into storage or used in other areas such as hub space in the Academy. Gary Simpson (MC Senior Youth Worker) ensured all equipment was saved and stored safely. Regarding space in Community Centre, it is unlikely that youth club would get this space back. Need to establish what young people want and find an alternative if required. By building with them they will be more inclined to use it. Also need to consider staffing of a youth club which normally relies on volunteers. FB – asked what had been stored and if any funding was left over. Fiona confirmed that monies were put towards equipment but there may be a small amount left for future. Equipment bought included a big screen which is in the Academy hub and majority of remainder is in Janitors Lodge at Academy. Fiona agreed to provide a list of equipment to Garry – asked if there was an alternative venue in mind. Fiona stated not and that it was important to seek views of young people and then see where is available as they may identify somewhere they want to be. FG – asked whether Auchernack was a possibility. Fiona confirmed MC is in process of The Chair thanked Fiona for her time and asked if she could report back on responses from young people. **Public Session** 4. No public in attendance. Ratification of Minutes 20th May 2021 5. The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted as a true record. Proposed: Graham Murdoch Seconded: Jo Lenihan 6. **Matters Arising** a. Speeding Group (FB) No update as haven't received meeting minutes. JL to chase up. Garry asked who else is in the group. FB responded that a member from each CC, JL Police and MC who host. b. Resilience planning (FG) Need to contact Findhorn CC as they will help. SF has volunteered to work on this. FG Send email round for volunteers. FG will also go on it. c. Wildflower areas – draft plan already circulated WWF working with Airwick – giving away free seeds if of interest. 7. Queen's Green Canopy Letter form Lord Lieutenant about the platinum jubilee and planting trees. GM commented that this had been raised in Green Spaces meeting and will feedback from next meeting. GM

8.	Chair's report	
0.	Dr Gray's Public Empowerment Group – looking at what services and issues are faced by	
	patients and easing Covid restrictions to feed back to NHSG board. No HC meeting so will	
	update on this next time.	
9	Treasurer's report	
	Balance of £2518.90. DD for £35 for Data Protection. Admin grant £647.48 received.	
	Credit Union fund of £164.93. Still have £300 from SSEN to use.	
10.	Secretary's report	
	Certificate from ICO received.	
11.	Community Councillor Group and Representatives' Reports	
	GM – meeting with Sylvia Jamieson and mountain bikers. Existing jumps to be removed	
	and plan to be developed for a new area. This partnership working will ensure the track is	
	what bikers want. Sylvia is working with Fraser McGillvray on a way forward for Hells Hole	
	there is lots of work but shortage of volunteers. Biggest challenge is identifying	
	trees/plants as volunteers do not have knowledge of plants/trees or woodland management	
	expertise so Sylvia to get someone to advise on this. ASB seems to have abated through	
	police engaging with youngsters – seem more responsive when Police not in uniform.	
	Encouraging to see progress with youngsters taking on board advice and not being	
	destructive.  Messet Burn meeting with James Hunter and Sylvia to get background on cituation	
	Mosset Burn – meeting with James Hunter and Sylvia to get background on situation, problems and how to move forward. MC resources limited but will be involved in	
	discussions. Initially looking at work from railway to Bay and then Sanguhar with middle	
	section last. Meeting with riparian owners and Bob Laughton to come up with	
	plan/timetable for this.	
	Cllr Alexander asked if bikers are aware of tracks/jumps in Sanguhar? GM confirmed these	
	are for youngsters and beginners. The Cluny Hill bikers are experienced and looking for	
	something more challenging.	
	LE – still telephone befriending. Visits Sanquhar pond every week and notes that the	
	youngsters are careful and polite. Hope to be back in Town Hall in September.	
12.	Moray Councillor's Reports	
	a) Cllr Alexander – awaiting news on education and results in August. Informed meeting of	
	consultation for Forres opening on 13 August on how to spend £51K of developer	
	obligations which is earmarked for Forres community facilities. Of interest although	
	Highland Hospice charity shop is in Forres residents of Moray not eligible to access	
	their services! Do not see Covid restrictions changing as numbers going up again even	
	though only 1 in Moray at this time.	
	b) Cllr Creswell – film night meeting next week to resume plans. Elgin/Buckie setting up	
	collection points for Credit Union. Site visits taking place for potential skate park and	
	synthetic pitches. Fairer Moray Forum meeting tomorrow and aiming for event in October.	
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13.	Forthcoming Events a. Transition Town Forres AGM 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 6.30 pm via zoom. Send link to GM	
17.	AOCB:	JL
17.	None	
18.	Date of next meeting: Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7.00 pm via MS Teams	
10.	Date of next meeting. Thereasy to daily 2021 at 7.00 pm via two Teams	